

Building a Competitive Workforce

Many of our local communities are in need of more schools or school modernization. It is essential that we make these investments now in order to build a competitive workforce and a healthy economy for the future.

The America COMPETES ACT

One of the 110th Congress' landmark achievements of the [Democratic Innovation Agenda](#) is **The America COMPETES Act of 2007**, [H.R. 2272](#)

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This bill included:

- Investments in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) educational programs. I believe that education in these areas is key to remaining competitive in the future global marketplace.
- Increased funding for Math and Science Partnerships programs that provide professional development for our teachers and strengthen their ability to effectively teach math and science.
- Increased funding for the Noyce Teacher Scholarship program, which will help recruit thousands more teachers in the math and science fields.
- Programs to increase collaboration between public education institutions and the private sector

For more information on the America COMPETES Act please [click here](#) .

Here are some of the other bills that I cosponsored or voted for in the 110th Congress to help build and modernize our schools:

- **The 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act, [H.R. 3021](#)**

This bill authorized billions of dollars in funding for construction and renovation on “green” schools.

These schools would be built with an emphasis on energy efficiency and in classroom technology.

- **America's Better Classrooms Act of 2007, [H.R. 2470](#)** . This bill would provide tax credits for investments in the modernization of public schools.

For more information on building the schools of the future please [click here](#) .